GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN LAKSHADWEEP AND A N ISLANDS .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is contemplating special projects to promote tourism in Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands ;

(b) If so, the details of such projects;

(c) The steps taken or being taken by the Government to implement the said projects; and

(d) The employment opportunities for the local youth visualized in the above projects ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized every year in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories. From the 10th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism has been providing funds for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iv) Fairs and Festivals including Events

Project proposals received, complete in all respect, are appraised on inter-se- priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective heads.

No project proposal complete in all respect as per guidelines has been received from Lakshadweep during 10th Five Year Plan so far.

A project proposal for Hamfest Convention of International Amateur Radio was sanctioned for Andaman & Nicobar Island during 2004-05 for an amount of Rs. 6.25 lakh.